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1. DEPT. VERY MUCH APPRECIATES EFFORTS OF UNHCR TO ASSIST IN FACILITATING DEPARTURE OF AMCITS AND NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHO WISH TO LEAVE SVN. WE HOPE THESE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE. INFORMATION THAT AMERICANS CAPTURED AT BAN ME THUOT MAY BE MOVED TO SAIGON SOON FOR FINAL STAGING AND DEPARTURE SVN IS ENCOURAGING.

2. WITH REGARD TO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO WISH TO VOLUNTARILY RETURN TO SVN, IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE USG TO RECOMMEND THAT SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS OR ANY PARTICULAR

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GROUP BE AFFORDED PRIORITY CONSIDERATION IN EITHER

PROCESSING OR MOVEMENT. DRV/PRG HAS FULL CONTROL OVER SUCH MATTERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNHCR. WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE UNHCR TO WORK OUT ANY APPROPRIATE MEASURES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH DRV/PRG FOR ALL REFUGEES WHO WISH TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY. IF THE MATTER OF THE 13 DRUGGED REFUGEES COMES UP AGAIN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH UNHCR REPS IN VIENTIANE OR GENEVA THE FOREGOING SHOULD BE USED AS THE USG REACTION TO ANY SUCH PROPOSAL. MAW

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